

HO-1063

Feeney Family House
1670 Woodstock Road
Private

Description

The Feeney Family House is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, German siding, and a mansard roof with square slates. There is a 2 ½-story, one-bay by two-bay ell on the northwest, set with the northeast wall in the same plane as the main block creating the appearance on this elevation of a double-pile plan. The ell has the same foundation, siding and roof. There are two brick chimneys with Bishop's caps in the center of the main block, flanking the center bay, and another centered on the wall where the ell joins the main block. The southwest elevation has a center door with four lights, and has sidelights. It is flanked on each side by a tall two-over-two double-hung sash. There is a one-story, three-bay porch across the front that has turned posts, jig-sawn brackets, and a hipped roof. The roof has three dormers with two-over-two double-hung sash and shallow gables. At the front of the lot, near the road, are a pair of cut granite gate posts. There is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay frame garage with asbestos shingle siding and a gable roof of asphalt shingles, with a northeast-southwest ridge. The southeast elevation has three pair of doors, each with six lights over three tall panels, and they are hung on "T" hinges.

Significance

In early 1896 Patrick Feeney purchased a four-acre lot south of Woodstock from his parents, Michael and Annie Feeney. They had only bought the lot six months earlier, for \$350. While Patrick legally owned the property, it would appear that the whole Feeney family was living in the same house, and that Michael and Annie Feeney probably were responsible for building the new house on the lot, perhaps with the help of some of their children. The 1900 census places Michael and Annie Feeney, with their children Patrick, Bartholomew, Julia, Mary, Annie, Joseph, Lawrence and William together in the area. Michael was a track hand for the railroad, Patrick and Bartholomew were stone cutters, Annie was a school teacher, and Joseph was a butcher. It seems likely that the house was built in 1895 or 1896. The mansard roof had become popular in the 1860s and '70s, and was getting a second wind in the late 1890s and first decade of the twentieth century. Its adoption here was probably primarily a functional one, in that it made the rooms in the attic much more usable as living space. With so many children of age (six were in their 20s), the Feeneys had a great need for bedrooms. In 1903 Patrick Feeney sold his interest in the property to his three unmarried sisters, Annie, Mary, and Julia, and three years later Annie, the schoolteacher, sold her interest to the other two. The house remained in the Feeney family until 1948.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1063

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Feeney Family House

other

2. Location

street and number 1670 Woodstock Road not for publication

city, town Woodstock vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Gina Mamula

street and number 1670 Woodstock Road telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 10203 folio 675

city, town Ellicott City tax map 10 tax parcel 156 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2 0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0 0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0 0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1 0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3 0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Feeney Family House is located at 1670 Woodstock Road, just south of Woodstock in north-central Howard County, Maryland. It is located on the northwest side of the road, near the road, on a site that slopes gently down to the northwest, and faces southeast toward the road.

The house is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, German siding, and a mansard roof with square slates. There is a 2 ½-story, one-bay by two-bay ell on the northwest, set with the northeast wall in the same plane as the main block creating the appearance on this elevation of a double-pile plan. The ell has the same foundation, siding and roof. There are two brick chimneys with Bishop's caps in the center of the main block, flanking the center bay, and another centered on the wall where the ell joins the main block.

The southwest elevation has a center door with four lights, and has sidelights. It is flanked on each side by a tall two-over-two double-hung sash with blinds. There is a one-story, three-bay porch across the front that has turned posts, new balustrades, jig-sawn brackets, and a hipped roof. The second story has three shorter two-over-two double-hung sash with blinds, which are typical for this house, and there is a wood box cornice. The roof has three dormers with two-over-two double-hung sash and shallow gables, and these are typical for the dormers.

The northeast elevation has two typical windows on both stories and two typical dormers on the roof. The southwest elevation has one typical window on each story and one typical dormer. The northwest elevation of the ell has an exposed basement, as the ground slopes down here, and it is covered now by a modern deck. The first story has a typical window in the north bay and a modern sliding glass door in the west bay, while the second story has two typical windows and the roof has two typical dormers. There is an enclosed porch in the re-entrant angle between the main block and the ell. The second story southwest elevation of the ell has a typical window, with a typical dormer above, and the second story northwest elevation of the main block has a typical window, with no dormer above.

At the front of the lot, near the road, are a pair of cut granite gate posts with chamfered corners and half-round tops. There are rough stepping stones between the posts and leading up to the front porch.

About 50 feet northeast of the house is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay frame garage with asbestos shingle siding and a gable roof of asphalt shingles, with a northeast-southwest ridge. The southeast elevation has three pair of doors, each with six lights over three tall panels, and they are hung on "T" hinges.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1896

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

In early 1896 Patrick Feeney (aka Feaney) purchased a four-acre lot south of Woodstock from his parents, Michael and Annie Feeney. They had only bought the lot six months earlier, for \$350. While Patrick legally owned the property, it would appear that the whole Feeney family was living in the same house, and that Michael and Annie Feeney probably were responsible for building the new house on the lot, perhaps with the help of some of their children. The 1900 census places Michael and Annie Feeney, with their children Patrick, Bartholomew, Julia, Mary, Annie, Joseph, Lawrence and William together in the area. Michael was a track hand for the railroad, Patrick and Bartholomew were stone cutters, Annie was a school teacher, and Joseph was a butcher. It seems likely that the house was built in 1895 or 1896. The mansard roof had become popular in the 1860s and '70s, and was getting a second wind in the late 1890s and first decade of the twentieth century. Its adoption here was probably primarily a functional one, in that it made the rooms in the attic much more usable as living space. With so many children of age (six were in their 20s), the Feeneys had a great need for bedrooms. Other than the roof, the house was little different than the cross-gabled I-houses that others were building around Woodstock at this time.

Michael and Annie Feeney were both natives of Ireland, and there was certainly a prominent Irish presence around Woodstock, brought there, no doubt, by the jobs available on the railroad and at the quarries, and by the presence of the Catholic college and church. In 1903 Patrick Feeney sold his interest in the property to his three unmarried sisters, Annie, Mary, and Julia, and three years later Annie, the schoolteacher, sold her interest to the other two. Patrick apparently moved to Baltimore, where he worked as a stonecutter, while Michael, Mary, Julia, Lawrence, and William continued to live together in the family house. Michael's wife, Annie, apparently had died and he had remarried, to a woman named Nora. The house remained in the Feeney family until 1948, when it was sold by trustees to Philip and Mary Wright. They retained the property until 1981.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4 A
Acreage of historical setting 4 A
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 156, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

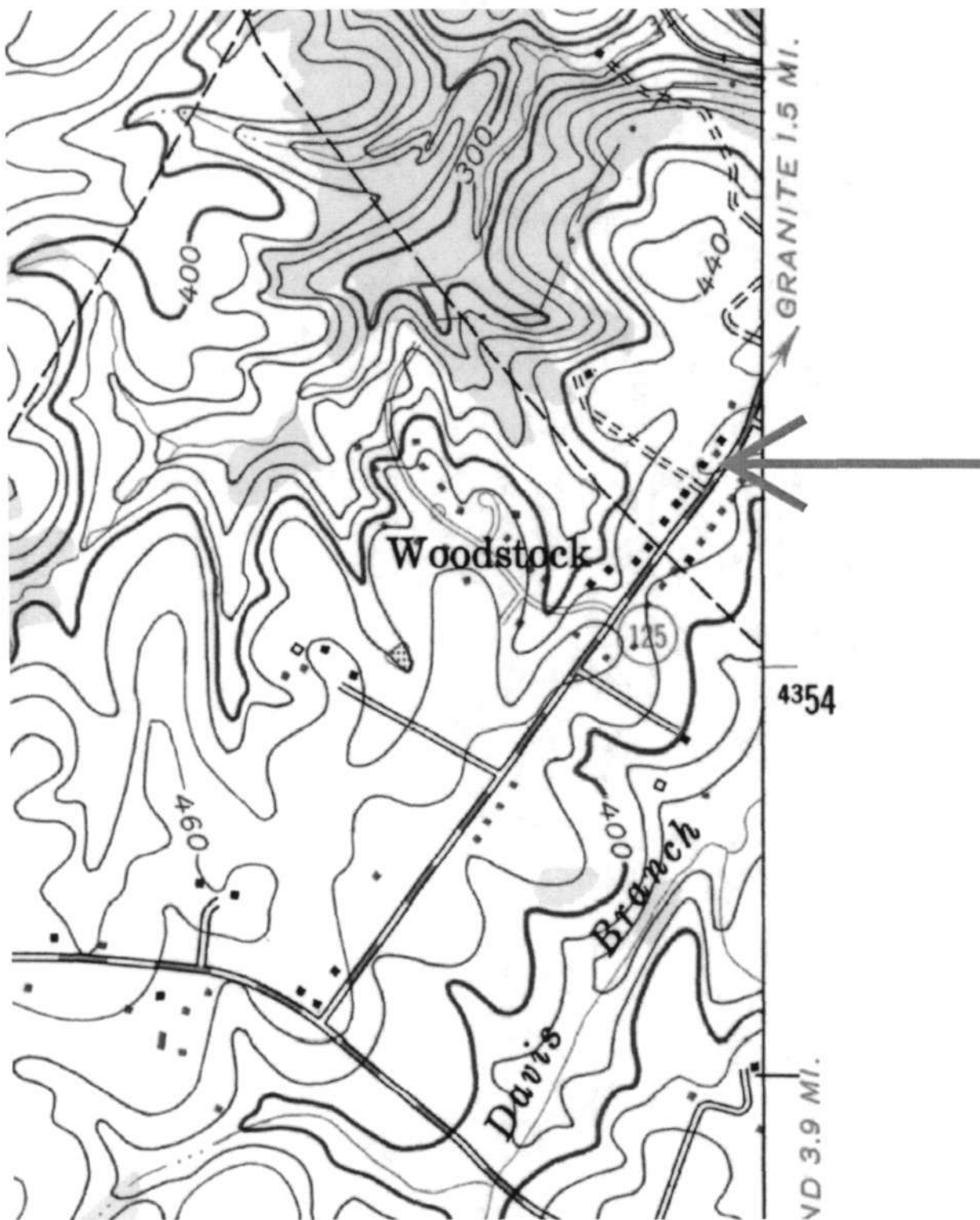
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	November 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Feeney Family House
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Sykesville quad

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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southwest & southeast elevations

HO-1063_2011-11-02_02
Southeast & northeast elevations

HO-1063_2011-11-02_03
Front gateposts

HO-1063_2011-11-02_04
Garage, southeast elevation



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Southwest + northeast elevations

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Front gateposts

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Garage, southeast elevation

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